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International Union to Fight Labor-Haters in Fall Elections

Negotiations Opened With Ind. Condensed Milk Co.

Closed Shop Is Agreed to By The Employer

Pitifully Low Wages Hardened Workers' Determination to Organize

INDIANAPOLIS.—Contract negotiations were opened this month with the Indiana Condensed Milk Company of Sheridan, Indiana, as its 150 truck drivers and inside dairy employees joined Teamsters' Local Union No. 135 of Indianapolis.

Thus far, two important clauses of the proposed contract have been agreed upon and initialed. These are provisions guaranteeing the closed shop and check-off system. Indications are that no trouble will be encountered in negotiating the balance of the agreement, including the provisions concerning wages and hours of work.

The company, which produces and ships Wilson Brand condensed milk to all parts of the United States, at first tried every conceivable means to block its employees' organizing efforts. However, years of working under deplorable conditions for pitifully low wages hardened the workers' determination to organize and affiliate with a labor union of their own choosing.

One aged employee reported that he had been with the Indiana Condensed Milk Company for 23 years before he received any kind of a pay raise. He received a three cents hourly increase when the management heard that the Teamsters were coming to town, believing it could discourage organization.

Victory for Labor

Organization of this company is considered a signal victory for the labor movement and for the Teamsters' Union because of the unbelievable low wages which have prevailed there for many years and because of the bitter opposition to labor that this firm has always shown.

In commenting on the organization of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company, C. E. Davis, Local Union No. 135 business representative in charge, said, "It is a great victory for democracy as well as for these workers. For many years Indiana Condensed Milk employees have worked at substandard wages. Many people would find it hard to believe that such conditions existed

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The Politickin' Plumber Squeals!

How Edwin Turnock, peanut Republican politician, and his impotent South Bend Central Labor Union aided and abetted outlaw unionism was exposed by the Teamsters' Union last month and now he's squealing like a stuck pig.

He says the Teamsters don't know what "real unionism" is. If he means that the Teamsters' Union DOES NOT sign cozy "sweetheart" agreements, or bludgeon employers and others into buying advertising in phoney, useless union yearbooks, or sanction outlaw unionism, or sell its members down the river by entering into a multitude of questionable deals, or refuse to uphold the rights of its members to decent wages, hours and working conditions—then he's right.

The Teamsters don't understand that kind of "unionism." Mr. Turnock bitterly resents our attack upon his Central Labor Union which we conservatively stated was very backward. Instead of rushing to the defense of his union by showing its brilliant history of fighting for labor's rights, its prominent and respected place in the community, its cultural contributions to society, its progressive policies and its wise and far-sighted leadership, Mr. Turnock meekly states that the South Bend Central Labor Union is progressive because "It is going to play host to the next convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor."

He said none of the things above because none of them are true!

And since when is it a mark of progress and worldly enlightenment to play host to the Indiana State Federation of Labor? Scores of Indiana hamlets have had that honor and no plaques have yet been struck for posterity because of it.

And when Mr. Turnock attempts to discredit and slur the stalwart International President of the Teamsters' Union, Daniel J. Tobin, and Thomas E. Flynn and Walter E. Biggs, he is skating on mighty thin ice. When Turnock assumes the stature of men like Tobin and Flynn and Biggs, he won't be beating the stick for the Republican Party, and he won't be plying the plumber's trade—he'll be President of the United States—and you know what his chances for that are!

South Bend AFL members should re-examine the qualifications of a man who refers to the outlaw Brewery Workers' Union as the "so-called outlaw Brewery Workers' Union." Perhaps he's getting the Central Labor Union mixed up with the Republican Party, a mistake the Republicans would never make.

Turnock sarcastically says that the Teamsters' contract with Drewry's Brewery must have been a "honey." Since he mentions that term, he is evidently thoroughly familiar with it.

The Teamsters' Union regrets that it has been possible for a man like Turnock to get the stranglehold on the South Bend Central Labor Union that he has. There are many members of that Union who could and would provide the labor movement of St. Joseph County with militant, progressive and honest leadership. And we look forward to the day when those men will step forward to serve labor and the community.

These are times when men of foresight, wisdom and depth are needed by the labor movement, not small time, selfish politicians who search blindly for political honors that are not there.

Evansville Local Furnishes Trucks in Rubber Campaign

EVANSVILLE—Local Union No. 215 is bending every effort to see that the scrap rubber collection drive is a big success, reports Clyde Birdsong, president.

The local, which is aiding the campaign materially by furnishing trucks and drivers to collect the

rubber, is determined not to let the government down, said Birdsong.

"We Teamsters realize more than anyone else that this situation is serious, and we're going to do all in our power to help President Roosevelt reach a solution," he said.

Indianapolis City Men Get Wage Increase

INDIANAPOLIS—As the result of arbitration by the United States Conciliation Service, city dock and delivery employees of Indianapolis received substantial pay raises and vacations with pay, according to Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 135.

The case, which went up for arbitration after operators and union could not agree on the wage scale, was decided within thirty days after negotiations came to a deadlock.

Under the terms of the settlement, drivers, helpers, and dockmen will receive 12½c pay raise across the board, one week's vacation with pay, 54-hour week, and time and one-half for overtime.

Arbitrator Verner E. Wardlaw, in his opinion, commended the fair attitude of both operators and union.

ROADEO CANCELED FOR THE DURATION; OTHER JOBS TO DO

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With plans for the National Truck Roadeo already under way, the whole magnificent show has been called off by the American Trucking Association, Inc., for the duration of the war.

This step was not taken without serious study and consideration. It is appreciated that the various state roadeos, leading up to the great annual and national event, have accomplished a great deal of good, not only in persuading ambitious truck drivers to train for extra dexterity, but in convincing the general public that truck drivers are the safest and most expert drivers. The roadeos have become front-rank public attractions, and in a few more years no doubt would have taken a place with such important athletic activities as baseball and football.

United Against Evil

War conditions have reduced those considerations to secondary importance. Trucking facilities are wholly devoted to the movement of war materials, and neither the vehicles themselves nor the rubber on which they run can now be spared for sports or for the building of good will, which latter is already granted by the public. Instead of contests between American truck drivers, they themselves are united in the world's greatest contest against the forces of evil. And not only drivers, but association officials and truck manufacturers are engrossed with far more serious problems.

Action Taken At Executive Board Session

President Tobin Declares Fall Election Vital to Security of Labor

In its semi-annual meeting at Atlantic City this month, the International Executive Board authorized General President Daniel J. Tobin to "take such action and expend such funds as necessary to acquaint labor and the public with the records anti-labor and anti-Roosevelt Congressmen who are seeking re-election in November."

President Tobin declared, "This election is vital to the security of the labor movement and to the victory of the United Nations. Enemies of labor, now in Congress, who are quiet for the moment, have not changed their views.

"These men will renew their attack as soon as the Fall elections are over. It is significant that the men who so violently hate labor in most cases have a voting record against the liberal policies of President Roosevelt and all his efforts to protect this country from attack by the dictators of Europe and Japan."

To Safeguard Labor's Gains

Thus The Teamsters' Union will do everything in its power to safeguard labor's gains by seeing to it that such anti-labor Congressmen are defeated at the polls. Many of the bitterest anti-labor Representatives are those isolationists who wanted the President to appease Hitler and Hirohito. The Teamsters are particularly anxious to see such men as Ham Fish, Clare Hoffman, Howard Smith, defeated.

Want NRLB Change

The Executive Board also went on record as favoring a change in the personnel of the National Labor Relations Board. It was particularly disturbed by the trend of the Board's decisions to favor the CIO over the AFL. Unless the

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Heavy Haulers Sign New Pact With Local 135

Contract Concluded After Three Union-employer Meetings

INDIANAPOLIS.—Riggers and heavy hauling drivers received substantial pay raises this month as the result of a new agreement concluded with the operators, according to George Acton, Local Union No. 135 business representative.

The contract, which was signed after three negotiation meetings of employers and union, provides for 12 cents hourly wage increases with time and one-half after ten hours in any 24-hour period on any work performed in Marion County. Outside of Marion County, time and one-half starts after 12 hours in any 24 hour period.

Other standard Teamster features were included in the contract.

The following companies have signed the agreement and others are expected to sign in the near future: Harry Kreis Trucking Company, Wente Kreis Trucking Company, Niman Transfer Company, W. Carl Sonnewald Company, W. F. Parsons Company, Scott Trucking Company, Capitol Transfer, Strohm Cartage Company, Underwood Transfer Company, Dennis Trucking Company and Bornman Transfer, all of Indianapolis.

Frank Friel assisted with the negotiations.

IBT Charter Given Bottled Beer Drivers

NEWARK, N. J.—The final withdrawal of Local No. 268 from the United Brewery Workers International was accomplished here last week, when the International Brotherhood of Teamsters chartered Local No. 843, Bottled Beer Drivers, Warehousemen, Bottlers and Helpers, in accordance with the long expressed wishes of the union.

Joseph Quillin, president of the union, reported that while as yet no repercussions were evidenced by the union for the bold action taken, rumors were persistent to the effect that the Brewery Workers International contemplates legal action against the union.

Although no definite stand has been taken so far in regard to this matter, Quillin and George Hasenauer, financial secretary said that the members were prepared to meet any attack on the part of the Brewery Workers, and that they were ready to fight any attempt to hinder the voluntary affiliation with the I. B. of T.

Michael Cashal, first vice president of the I. B. of T., who was responsible for the issuance of the charter, is expected to preside at the next membership meeting of Local 843 where he will officially present the charter and administer the initiation oath to the 1,187 members of the union.

EXCHANGE FURNITURE IS NOW FAIR TO TEAMSTERS

INDIANAPOLIS.—The Exchange Furniture Company of Indianapolis is now 100 per cent organized by Teamsters' Local Union No. 135, according to Frank Friel, business representative.

An agreement was signed which includes all standard Teamster contract features.

"Buy your furniture from Exchange because good union conditions now prevail there," said Friel.

Lesson in Patriotism

(From THE WASHINGTON TEAMSTER)

It is patriotic to say: "Deliver It!"

That is true cooperation with our government in its drive to make our limited supply of rubber last as long as possible by sharply reducing non-essential driving.

We have said repeatedly: "Have your parcels delivered; protect teamsters' jobs." Yes, we are still protecting the jobs of teamsters who might be thrown out of employment by selfish, profit-hungry employers, but our chief purpose today in demanding that all reasonable delivery systems be maintained is to save tires and motor equipment for our government in this war emergency.

Why did the Office of Price Administration demand rationing of gasoline in the Northwest and on the Eastern coast? Why is the ODT anxious to make the gas rationing plan nation wide? Because we have a national shortage of gasoline! No, that isn't the answer. It is true there is a threatened gas shortage in some sections, but the admitted reason for rationing is to stop useless driving by private car owners. The ODT knows that unless private car operators are restricted they will destroy more rubber in a month of non-essential driving than all the trucks in America in the conduct of necessary transportation.

The ODT has also ordered curtailment of retail delivery services, but this has been done to squeeze out the surplus unnecessary miles traveled by trucks so that the necessary delivery systems can be maintained.

Before this war is over we will see many changes. Our very mode of life may be altered drastically. Of this we may be certain: we shall see less and less wasteful driving of private cars. Before the war is a year older, the government may be forced to purchase thousands of privately owned autos so that the essential public transportation of freight and passengers may be kept functioning. When this time comes our government will need good cars, in good condition, with the best possible tires.

It is therefore our patriotic American duty to conserve our cars and our tires.

Selfish employers see in the new ODT orders only an opportunity to reduce their own overhead costs at the expense of the public and the truck driver. They propose to force the public to carry parcels home from the stores either by eliminating delivery services, or by persuading the people with tricky phrases that it is the patriotic thing to do. This, of course, tends to increase the profits of these employers, but it is neither efficient nor patriotic. It is not cooperation with our government. It is this type of selfishness the teamsters are fighting.

Union teamsters drive the trucks that make the deliveries; they know the transportation problem at first hand. They know where waste and inefficiency exist and how to eliminate them. That is why the teamster unions have offered their experience and their intimate knowledge of transportation to the ODT to help it find the fair, intelligent solution to the problem. This offer has been accepted.

We are at war, and teamsters know it is their duty to handle their equipment carefully, to stay well within the speed regulations. They also realize that mileage of their private cars must be reduced, that speed must be cut down, that pleasure driving must be eliminated, that useless trips to the store to bring parcels home are all unpatriotic.

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The importance of the privately owned automobile in America's war program has not been emphasized sufficiently. For instance: it is conservative to say that in the Pacific Northwest alone, there are a quarter of a million of men and women employed in direct war industries. How do they get to and from their work? A small percentage ride the busses and other modes of public transportation. Official surveys show that 85 per cent ride to work in private cars.

How are these thousands of war workers going to get to work when the tires are all worn out? There is not enough public passenger transportation of all kinds right now to take care of the demand. What sort of a traffic tieup will we have if that demand is doubled or trebled? There are no new busses to be had and there will not be any more during the war.

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It should be plain as day that unless the private cars are conserved, unless useless driving is stopped, our entire war effort will be hampered seriously. Here is a real danger; it is time we recognized it.

So important is it that we save our private cars and tires that drivers' clubs are being organized in each block of some of our cities, and only loaded automobiles are going to the downtown areas. Pooling of private equipment to carry war workers is becoming a fact. The idea will grow when the American people fully realize the seriousness of the emergency.

We have been told waste helps the Axis. That is literally true of transportation—and that means tires! There's a Jap holding every parcel transported home from the downtown stores in private cars. There's a Jap sitting in every vacant seat. The American people have got to quit hauling Japs around in their cars!

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It is not necessary to tell a union teamster that a delivery truck, carrying hundreds of parcels, burns up only an insignificant fraction of the rubber that would be destroyed if each parcel were delivered in a private car. Teamsters know this, but the public may not understand it. Think it over!

Preach the doctrine of maintaining retail delivery services. Tell your friends and your neighbors. Point out the plain truth that this is a sane campaign to conserve critical war materials. Let the public realize that when we say: "Deliver it," we are giving to our country that wholehearted cooperation that it must have to win this war.

Save your car and your tires for your country by having your parcels delivered!

Creamery at Marion Still On Unfair List

Mahoney Urges Labor to Refrain From Buying Its Products

MARION.—D. E. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of Muncie Local Union No. 369, reports that the Marion Producers' Creamery is still unfair to the Teamsters' Union.

Said Mr. Mahoney, "Under the cloak of patriotic piety, the Marion Producers' Creamery is trying desperately to break up the Teamsters' Union and deny its miserably-paid workers the very democracy that America is fighting for."

Mr. Mahoney further said that labor should refrain from purchasing this employer's products because they are produced under scab conditions.

The company is cooperatively owned by 4,000 local farmer stockholders and ships condensed milk and other dairy products in great quantities to all parts of the country. In addition to this they operate a fluid milk plant which serves Marion and nearby communities.

Teamsters should watch for the following brands of condensed milk and butter produced by the Marion outfit: RED AND WHITE, VALLEY LEA, CO-OP, SNOWBALL, CRESTA, BRIMFUL, MORGAN BROTHERS, ROYAL SCARLET, LOVERING FARMS, CRESCENT, W. G. Y., COUNTRY SIDE, SHADY NOOK, HOOD, KNIGHT HOOD, ROYAL STAR, COOL SPRING, and SUNNY.

Boston Union In Middle of Speech Fight

BOSTON, Mass.—Teamsters Local 259, Newspaper Chauffeurs, Distributors and Helpers, of this city found itself last week catapulted into the midst of a newspaper war between Hearst's anti-administration Boston American and the liberal New York paper PM.

According to the latter, "Well-dressed, cigar-puffing gents, who refused to identify themselves, were on hand around Boston Common to see that the helpless newsies did not display PM alongside Hearst's American—because PM's front page revealed 'The greatest lie Hearst ever told.'"

Local union officials in appealing to city and state governmental officials said that refusal of the American to allow PM on the newsstands is a violation of the fundamental rights of free speech and as such will be fought to the highest courts in the land by the IBT, if necessary.

The San Francisco Society for the Hard of Hearing has completed one first aid course and started on a second. They also have an air raid protection class and members have donated blood for plasma banks. Group hearing aids are used during instruction.

NOTICE, TEAMSTERS!

The Indiana Teamster is your newspaper. It is willing and anxious to publish news about Teamsters of the state of Indiana. If you have any items to contribute that might be of interest to your brother Teamsters, either give them to your local secretary, or send them directly to the editor, 28 West North St., Indianapolis. Poems, gossip, jokes, stories about brother Teamsters who are in the army, etc., are all acceptable. We are eager to print the news that you want to see. So come on, boys, with your suggestions!

LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

I thought politics was over, but guess not. At the last City Council meeting, one of our Councilmen, who is a member of the A. F. of L., refused to vote for two A. F. of L. candidates and helped to elect a non-union printer to the school board.

Fishing News

The following group from Justak & Sons went fishing to northern Wisconsin Decoration Day: Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Burba, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dzurcak, Ed. Zurawski, and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Justak and children. I do not hear them bragging about their catch. So I guess they had the fisherman's luck—wet pants and empty gut.

Paul Mohler, of the Calumet Laundry also went fishing in Wisconsin. He did a lot of bragging, but did not have any evidence.

Oil contracts come next, then furniture.

We signed up all our lumber yards; both drivers and helpers received increases.

Flash! Local 520 Has Road Job!

J. C. O'Connor & Sons of Fort Wayne has moved to East Chicago to pave Indianapolis Blvd.; that is the strip where the street car rails used to be. So we are sending the rails to Japan in form of bombs.

Ottenhoff Excavating Company, of Chicago, moved into town, employing three of our boys. Castellani Trucking Company, of Chicago, and Wenzel and Henoch, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, have also located here. The former employs three men, the latter four. All of Local 520 bids them "welcome."

We have formulated a new beer contract, which has been presented to the beer distributors. I hope the boys get their demands.

The new sixty-million-dollar synthetic rubber plant will be built across the street from Cities Service on Cline Avenue side.

J. B. Frostick and Bob Schreiber, of Calumet Teaming and Trucking Company, were comparing the merits of their new daughters. Bob's daughter is three months old and J. B.'s is one month old. Bob said, "You know, J. B., I asked my girl to spell straight, and she spelled it right out, letter for letter."

"That is nothing," said proud J. B., "I asked my girl what the word straight meant and she answered, 'Without ginger ale!'"

The USO drive started in East Chicago June 15th. So dig deep, brother. You help someone you know when you give to the USO.

— BUY DEFENSE BONDS —

Iron Lungs Donated South Bend, Hammond by Teamsters!

Feud-Torn CIO Rejects Peace Bid of the AFL

Counter-Proposals Deemed Unworthy of Serious Consideration

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Torn by internal strife and division, the CIO has rejected the American Federation of Labor's invitation for immediate resumption of labor peace negotiations.

This short-sighted decision came after a week of turmoil during which CIO President Philip Murray and his former chief, John L. Lewis, came to a final parting of the ways with a bitter exchange of acrimonious insults.

Faced by the loss of its largest affiliate, the United Mine Workers, the CIO made it clear that it does not dare enter into discussions looking toward unity in the labor movement.

The CIO tried to cover up its rejection of the AFL peace bid by making public two fantastic counter-proposals which were wholly unworthy of serious consideration.

The Executive Board of the rebel movement adopted a resolution declaring that organic unity now was a "false" issue. The resolution suggested a joint meeting of the executive councils of the AFL and the CIO, or a joint conference of the international officers of both organizations, to work out a program for "functional" unity.

In other words, the CIO is asking for the protection afforded by the power of the AFL while it continues to try to stab AFL unions in the back by organizational raids.

Must Be Merger

The consistent and unassailable position of the American Federation of Labor is that there must be an actual merger of the AFL and the CIO to bring about real labor peace and that there is no satisfactory substitute for such organic unity. In order to bring this desirable result about, the AFL has established a peace committee of three members. This is the only body authorized and empowered by the AFL convention to negotiate labor peace.

Analysis of the present situation indicates that Murray considers the CIO position at present too shaky to consider labor peace, no matter how constructive the benefits would be to the nation's war effort and to labor as a whole.

Having declared the United Mine Workers delinquent in its per capita tax, the CIO president faces the prospect of a civil war within his own organization.

He is worried not only by the danger of raids by John L. Lewis on CIO unions, but by the tactics of Communist-controlled CIO unions which are willing to scuttle the gains of organized labor in order to help their Moscow bosses.

Lewis flatly accused Murray of harboring and encouraging Communists on the CIO staff. Murray retorted that they were hired by Lewis in the first place.

But the CIO president did not deny that these Communists are playing an important part in shaping CIO policies, nor did he in-



SOUTH BEND (Upper)—Watching demonstration of portable iron lung presented city of South Bend by Local Union No. 364 are, left to right: Harry S. Driggs, city controller; Mrs. Queen Levinson; Walter E. Biggs, president of Local 364; Police Chief W. K. Ingram, and George B. Campbell, secretary-treasurer of the local. Donald Smith, hospital employee, is the "victim" encased in the lung. Mr. Driggs is holding the smallest size chest case and the lung is also equipped with a size larger than Mr. Smith is wearing. The respirator looks like the chest protector of a suit of armor. A rubber jacket fits tightly at the waist and arms of the paralysis, drowning, smoke, or other unconscious victim sealing in the pulmonary air. It works on the same principle as the "boiler" lung, a portable motor collapsing and opening bellows that "breathes" for the patient. The entire outfit weighs only 80 pounds and can easily be moved anywhere by automobile. The lung can be operated by a hand crank where electric current is not available.

HAMMOND (Bottom)—Through the generosity of Local Union No. 362, Hammond's Fire Department became one of the 42 fire departments in America to be equipped with the most modern portable iron lungs for emergency respiration cases. Shown above, left to right, are Fireman R. J. Hansen, Harry D. Cole, business representative; Frank Grunewald, business manager; Fire Chief Joseph J. Scherer; Henry Willing, business representative and Roscoe Colby, president of the local. The equipment is similar to that worn by Fred Snite, the "boiler kid."

Softball Fever Runs High as Teamsters' Ten Scores Wins

GOSHEN.—Softball fever ran high here this month as the Junior Teamsters' industrial league ten scored several important victories.

The team, which is sponsored by South Bend Local Union No. 364, is supervised by Bert Snyder, business representative for the Goshen area.

UMW Takes UCW

In fact, the CIO Executive Board adopted a resolution protesting against the decision of Attorney General Biddle ordering the deportation of Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO leader, who was found to be a Communist alien.

Lewis refused to pay per capita tax to the CIO, claiming the CIO owes the United Mine Workers a balance of more than \$1,600,000 on total advances of more than \$7,000,000 since 1936. Murray repudiated this alleged debt. Lewis then removed Murray as a vice-president of the United Mine Workers.

Having anticipated this move, Murray had previously obtained election as president of the CIO Steel Workers Union.

By declaring the United Mine Workers delinquent, the CIO paved the way for the eventual suspension of the union, unless it withdraws voluntarily first. The CIO launched a prompt raid on local unions of District 50 of the UMW and Lewis retaliated by seeking to take over the shattered remnants of the CIO's United Construction Workers.

The team's recent wins include victories over Penn Electric Switch, Goshen Rubber, Chase Bag and others.

"These fine young fellows represent the Americanism and democracy that the Teamsters' Union stands for, and we're proud to sponsor them," said Bert Snyder.

Junior Teamsters Books, Blough, Evans, Myers, Sheline, Miller, McClish, Mills, Stealy and Rumsey wear uniforms furnished by Local Union No. 364, and are enthusiastically supported by its members and friends.

LOCAL 135 MEMBERS ENLIST IN U. S. NAVY

INDIANAPOLIS.—Two more members of Local Union No. 135 have enlisted in the United States Navy. They are Porter Marsh and Joseph P. Greer, both former employees of Keshin Motor Freight.

Greer and Marsh would appreciate hearing from their friends and can be reached by mail at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia.

ATTENTION !!! Indianapolis Dairy Employees

Milk drivers and inside dairy employees of Indianapolis who are interested in becoming affiliated with the AFL should immediately get in touch with Business Representatives C. E. Davis and Robert McClimon at Riley 1546, 28 West North St., Indianapolis.

MEAT PACKERS SIGN WITH LOCAL NO. 135

INDIANAPOLIS.—Kings and Company and Stark and Wetzel Company, meat packers, signed renewal agreements with Local Union No. 135 this month.

As a result of the new contract, drivers and helpers employed by these companies received substantial increases in pay. Conditions of work were also improved.

Business Agent Ernie Crickmore, who conducted the negotiations, said that friendly relations were maintained throughout.

Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local 135, supervised the negotiations.

Speaking of conditions in Muncie, Pat Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of Local 369, said, "Work has been holding out pretty well. The only ones not employed are the usual dilatory few."

Preparations For Civilian Defense Aided

Gifts Show Members Are Not Complacent About War Dangers

Civilian defense preparations in Indiana were substantially strengthened this month as the patriotic Teamsters of South Bend and Hammond presented those cities with portable iron lungs for public use.

Epworth Hospital of South Bend will be the custodian of the lung presented that city by Local Union No. 364. During the first week, the lives of three people were saved through the use of the portable lung. City and hospital officials were grateful to the Teamsters for their unselfish gesture in the public's behalf.

Teamsters Not Complacent

Said President Walter E. Biggs of Local 364, "We are happy to be able to give the city this iron lung and sincerely hope that it will save many, many lives. And we want the community to know that at the Teamsters' Union there is no complacency about the dangers facing civilians. We know full well that the enemy will bomb American cities and we're preparing for that day."

In Hammond, the lung donated by Local Union 362 will be kept by the Fire Department which thus becomes one of the 42 fire departments in America to be equipped with the most modern portable iron lungs for emergency cases.

The portable chest apparatus, in three sizes for men, women and children, weighs a total of 90 pounds and is put into operation by electricity or by hand for use in prolonged respiration for heart attacks, pneumonia, asphyxiation, drowning and infantile paralysis.

Hammond Grateful

Frank Grunewald, business manager for Local 362, said that the gift had attracted wide attention in Lake County and that the City of Hammond was very grateful. "Teamsters of Hammond are patriotic and civic-minded and they have shown it in a practical manner," he said.

Officers of Local Union No. 362 are as follows: Roscoe Colby, president; Jerome Carroll, vice-president; William Sullivan, secretary-treasurer; William Gard, recording secretary, and Marion Ehrenhardt, Harold Bowman and Charles Newman, trustees. Frank Grunewald, Harry Cole and Henry Willing are business agents.

OHNING NAMED GENERAL LABOR DAY CHAIRMAN

EVANSVILLE.—Robert F. Ohning of Taxi Drivers' Local Union No. 11 has been named General Labor Day Chairman for the Evansville Central Labor Union by Armstrong Forster, president.

Ohning is CLU treasurer and delegate from Local 11 to that body.

DAIRY SUPPLY HOUSE SIGNS NEW CONTRACT

INDIANAPOLIS.—Substantial increases in wages were received by the employees of Bessire and Company, dairy supplies, as the result of the signing of a new agreement with Local Union No. 135.

Ernie Crickmore, business representative who had charge of negotiations, said the members are well pleased with the new pact.

HERE'S WHAT THE LABOR PRESS IS SAYING:

The Reformed Isolationists

About a month ago a Japanese submarine shelled a point on the west coast. Two weeks ago two cargo ships were sunk by torpedoes fired by an unidentified submarine in the St. Lawrence river. Last week another ship was sunk in the very mouth of the Mississippi river at New Orleans, and two days later, within sight of beach cottagers on the east coast, a freighter was torpedoed.

Yet seven months ago eight of Minnesota's nine members of the lower house of Congress were talking isolationism—and the ninth member of the delegation did not talk about it because he didn't know what the word meant. Eight of Minnesota's misrepresentatives were doing everything humanly possible to convince Washington and the world at large that the state of Minnesota was peopled by folks who would rather make a deal with Hitler over the bloody bodies of America's best friends than to take issue with a madman determined to destroy the American way of life.

Seven months ago there were those small minded "me too" politicians in Minnesota who fawned in the presence of Charles Lindbergh as though they were in the presence of the Almighty. Filled with chuckle-headed courage they went out to parrot the boyish essays of the fellow who preferred to resign his commission in the reserve air corps rather than give up the medal Hitler gave him. Some of these appeasers were still pooh-poohing the idea of an invasion of U. S. territory when the Japanese swept down over Pearl Harbor on December 7.

Most of these congressmen and all of the chest-thumping politicians who had hoped to capitalize on the America First philosophy will be active shortly. Whenever they make a public address they should be questioned as to how they stand today—and what caused them to change their views. Not one of them will dare preach isolationism; not one of them will repeat the heresies he mouthed prior to the assault on Pearl Harbor; all of them will wave the flag and take refuge in patriotic platitudes which mean nothing.

Some day this war will come to an end. It is important that the final peace terms be written by men who had the courage to defy Hitler, by congressmen who did not have to be blasted into talking and acting like real American men. When the final peace is written it must be written by men of vision, by men of unquestioned fealty to democratic principles, by men whose sense of values is not impaired by ingrown hatreds and midget-minded bigotries. The present delegation will never do.

—Minnesota Union Advocate.

"Australia First" Exposed

People who once thought the America First Committee was an honest collection of sincere fatheads banded together in spontaneous patriotism will be interested in the news from Australia.

They had an Australia First Committee down there. It followed the same line as the America First Committee. It tried desperately to keep the Australians from fighting the Germans and to discredit the leaders who had a clear and patriotic vision of the dangers Australia faced.

And like the America First Committee, it finally showed its hand. It attacked the Jews to create civic discord and to divert the minds of the people from the menace of Germany.

But it didn't work. The leaders of the Australia First Committee are now on trial for their lives. The charge is treason, and the penalty is death.

They do things differently in Australia. They don't try to kill their enemies with kindness. They use a rope.

—The International Teamster.

"X" Marks the Spot He Is On

Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan thinks that Congress should be entitled to unlimited X cards for gasoline, probably as a reward for congressional foresight in planning for the shortage of rubber and gasoline. He fiddled while the Japs burned our reserves. Now he wants to burn up what is left while the rest of us fiddle.

From his record so far, the country might be better off if it filled up Hoffman's tank, paid him a congressional pension, and sent him back whence he came.—The International Teamster.

Hurting Labor

When the United Mine Workers union executive board last week canned Philip Murray and charged him with fostering disunity, the loser was the membership of the UMW.

For that action demonstrated that the UMW members haven't a word to say about the operation of their union. John L. Lewis canned Murray through his appointed vice-presidents. In short, Lewis is a dictator, surviving by chaining his stooges with salaries.

It would appear that all union men can help themselves by supporting any drive that has for its aim the defeat of the Labor disunity schemers. John Lewis should get his salary from the National Association of Manufacturers, rather than a union, for he is doing more harm to organized labor than the various propaganda puppets of the NAM.—Minnesota Teamster.

No Advertising!

You will notice that no advertising appears in these columns. That is no accident. The Indiana Teamster does not accept advertising of any description. We believe that it is the duty of a Labor newspaper to print the news and views of Organized Labor, and not those of the advertisers. Paid advertising usually hampers the editorial freedom of a newspaper. It has long been a policy of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to avoid advertising in its official publications. We subscribe to that policy. We represent the Indiana Teamsters, and none else!

LAFAYETTE, WE ARE HERE

By GLEN H. RABANUS

Putman & Greene are paying truck drivers sixty cents per hour. If you are able to drive a truck, a cat, or a bulldozer, you may get as high as 90c per hour. We have had this firm in the State Department of Labor, also before the State Highway Commission, where Mr. Greene stated that he was paying the Union scale, but we are wondering if he has a Union scale of his own.

Sunshine Farms, of Lafayette, Indiana, signed an agreement calling for 15 per cent wage increase.

Ingram-Richardson Mfg. Company, of Frankfort, Indiana, signed an agreement to pay 3.4c per mile and back pay from November 1, 1941.

Our office has been moved from 509 North Fifth Street to 103 North Sixth Street, and all members are welcome to come in and see us.

Word has been received from our vice-president, Otto Copas, who is in the Army and is now stationed at the Hawaiian Islands.

The Labor Temple in Frankfort, Indiana, is going to town on Drewrys Beer and Ale. Thanks to the push from the bartenders.

Bud Mark's Trucking Company, who is hauling homes from Lafayette to Kingsbury, signed the Over-the-Road agreement.

Negotiations are under way for a new city freight agreement for Lafayette, Frankfort, Crawfordsville and Lebanon which expires July 1, 1942.

Max McPherson, driver for Davis Trucking Company, has joined the armed forces.

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Wallace's Great Speech

Vice-President Wallace made a remarkable speech in New York last month, one of the most important of the war. Significantly, it was all but ignored by the great press associations and metropolitan newspapers, which were content to seize an incidental reference to a possible Axis attack on our shores and play it up under glaring headlines.

Wallace undertook to tell Americans what we are fighting for and why we must and will win the war.

"This," he declared, "is a fight between a slave world and a free world. Just as the United States in 1862 could not remain half slave and half free, so in 1942 the world must make its decision for a complete victory—one way or the other."

The "Four Freedoms" recently outlined by President Roosevelt as the cornerstones of any durable peace are more than figures of speech, Wallace asserted.

"We in the United States may think there is nothing very revolutionary about freedom of religion, freedom of expression and freedom from fear," he asserted. "But when we begin to think about the significance of freedom from want for the average man, then we know that the revolution of the past 150 years has not been completed, either here in the United States or in any other nation in the world."

"When the freedom-loving people march—when the farmers have an opportunity to buy land at reasonable prices and to sell the produce of their land through their own organizations; when workers have the opportunity to form unions and bargain through them collectively; when the children of all the people have an opportunity to attend schools which teach them truths of the world in which they live—when these opportunities are open to everybody, then the world will move straight ahead."

Those who write the peace after the Axis is destroyed, Wallace insisted, must think of the people of the whole world and see to it there are no privileged classes. He added:

"Peace must mean a better standard of living for the common man, not only in the United States and England, but also in India, Russia, China and Latin America; yes, also in Germany, Italy and Japan."

"That is what this war is being fought for—to see that the average man gets enough to eat; to make sure that every person in this world has the privilege of drinking a quart of milk a day."

"The century that will come into being after this war can and must be the century of the common man. Everywhere the common man must learn to build his own industry with his own hands in a practical fashion."

"No nation will have the God-given right to exploit other nations, and there must be neither military nor economic imperialism."—Labor.

Congressmen Have Gas Pains

Few congressmen bothered their heads about the cut in delivery service, nor did they care to learn whether the drastic reduction was necessary or an excuse to cut overhead costs. Newspapers scoffed at the efforts of the Teamsters' Union to try to maintain jobs of drivers of trucks in such vital delivery services as milk and food.

But when government leaders mentioned that gas rationing may be put into effect throughout the nation to save tires, senators and representatives protested vigorously. Newspapers blew fuses in labeling the rationing-idea a New Deal scheme to destroy industry. The same newspapers which have been advising everybody else to sacrifice, came out pleading for the resort industry.

And why are public-elected officials and newspapers raising such a fuss in behalf of the resort industry? Well, the newspapers are doing it for a handful of \$4 advertisements from resorts. The politicians are protesting the rationing order because it is politically wise to plead for such a powerful group as the resort industry and the pleasure car owner.

The incident illustrates how little the Minnesota representatives in Congress and the newspapers in Minneapolis try to serve the public good.—Minnesota Teamster.

The Goose Hangs High

Now, let's look at the picture: Soldiers are dying. Strikes have cost eight one-hundredths of one per cent of man hours. Wages are being stabilized. Industrial production is breaking all records, all quotas. Priests are controlled. . . . But what about capital?

The President's suggested \$25,000 top on salaries has been forgotten. Not only is there no limitation of profits through taxation, but the tax burden has been lightened there—thrust downward on those least able to shoulder it.

Now capital wants a general sales tax. Capital seeks to shirk its share of this equality of sacrifice program.

And around labor's heels yelp and snap the press poodles, sicked there by the shirkers. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer, and the goose hangs high!

But the war goes on. It will go on to victory. Thank God, there are more little people than hitch hikers. Thank God we've got a labor movement, with the brawn, the stamina, the determination, the guts and the will, to go ahead anyhow under odds like this.

—Indianapolis Union.

Court Upholds NRLB Decision Favoring Local 135

Evansville Cab Local Appeals For Taxi Tires

Rationing Board Asked to Consider Importance of Taxi Service

Officials of Taxi Cab Drivers' Local Union No. 11 declared this month that they are staunchly behind a program to obtain tires suitable to keep taxi cabs in operation in Evansville. They are joining the management of the Yellow Taxi Company in an appeal to rationing authorities to make some provision for tires so that this important transportation service may be maintained.

In addition to assisting in the circulation of petitions to the National Rationing Board, Local No. 11 has adopted a resolution on the matter which was endorsed by the Evansville Central Labor Union at its meeting Thursday. The resolution reads as follows:

Resolution Passed

Whereas, the operation of taxi cabs in the city of Evansville and vicinity is essential to the general public welfare and is an important factor in the transportation of defense workers to and from work; and

Whereas, There are many elderly persons incapable of riding buses who use taxi cabs to go to and from hospitals and doctors' offices; and the medical profession, both doctors and nurses, require cabs for emergency calls; and

Whereas, Tire shortages have made it necessary for the Yellow Taxi Company to take thirty-five cabs out of service; and

Whereas, Unless rationing regulations are changed so that the taxi company can get tires, the entire fleet will be out of service in the near future; be it

Resolved, That Taxi Drivers' Local Union No. 11 hereby goes on record as favoring alterations in rationing regulations to provide that taxi operators may obtain tires to maintain their essential services; be it further

Resolved, That the officers of the Local stand instructed to seek the support of other union organizations for this program, and co-operate in every way possible with the management of the Yellow Taxi Company in whatever measures it considers wise to follow in this matter.

TAXI CAB DRIVERS' LOCAL UNION NO. 11
By William Schlagerer, President.
Lloyd Rhoads, Secretary.

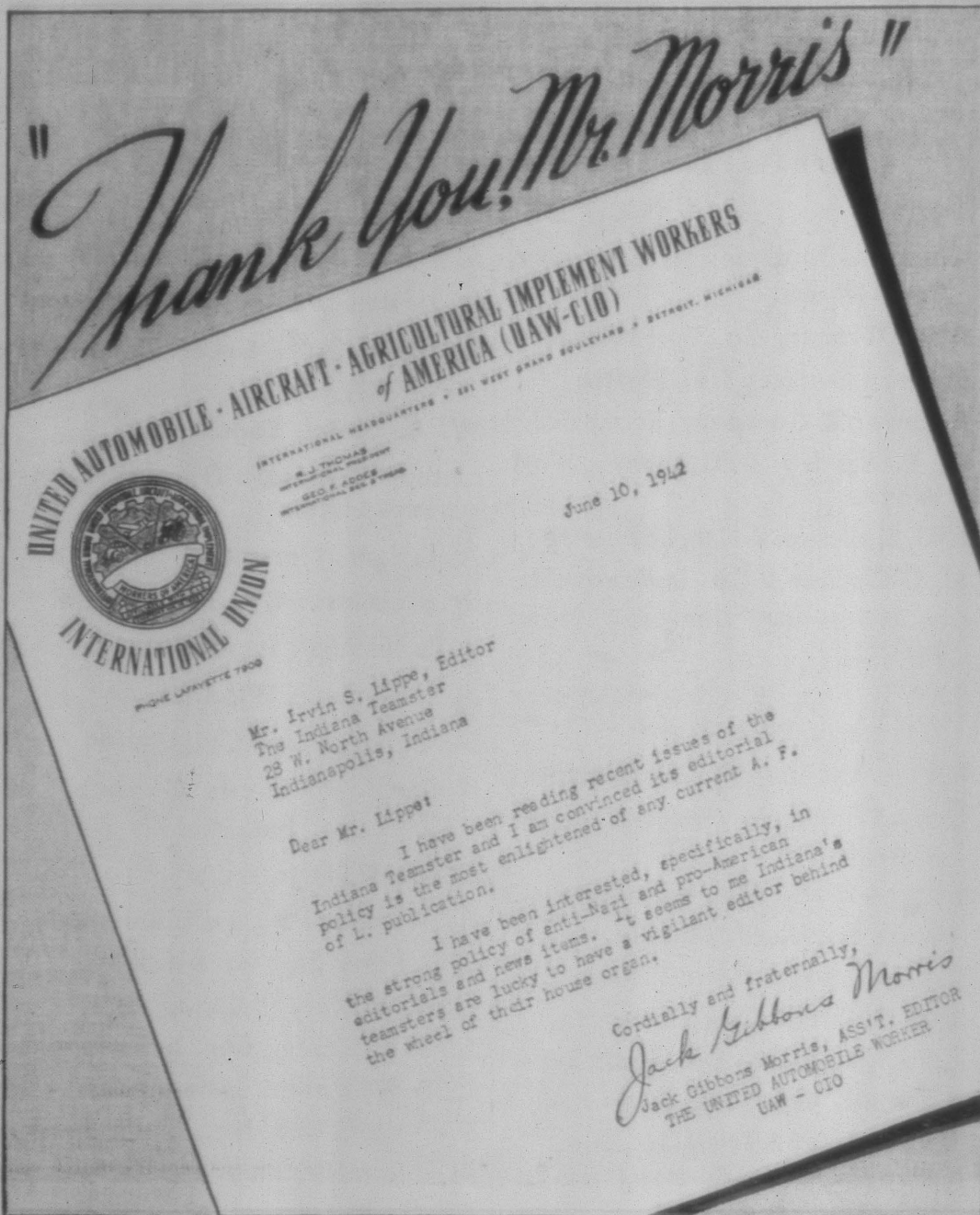
ODT Softens 'Return Load' Truck Orders

WASHINGTON.—The "return load" provisions of the ODT orders affecting all motor carriers have been extended from June 1 to July 1, giving haulers 30 additional days in which to work out suitable plans and agreements covering the back haul provisions.

In issuing the amendments, Joseph B. Eastman, ODT director, emphasized the importance of co-operation among all types of motor carriers for conserving and efficiently operating their equipment, laying special emphasis on the need to continue the preparation of plans to fulfill the return load requirements.

Requirements to make a 25 per cent reduction in the number of miles covered by the trucks of any operator, still remain in force.

Other changes soften the provisions on newspaper deliveries, and extended the date for 30 days for mileage reduction by local coal delivery trucks.



Above we reproduce a deeply appreciated "pat on the back" from Jack Gibbons Morris, who himself is a hard-hitting, fearless journalist. Morris, who has served on several of America's more important daily newspapers and who has written extensively for the Catholic press, distinguished himself recently by exposing the National Workers' League as a Nazi "front" organization. On the basis of his findings, Garland Alderman, Virgil Chandler and Parker Sage have been indicted for sedition by a Federal Grand Jury.

The Indiana Teamster follows the patriotic policy set forth by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and its dynamic president, Daniel J. Tobin.

TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE CAMPBELL

Business Representative Lester Gibson announced the signing of a new freight company, the S. J. Rakowski Trucking Company, in Buchanan, Michigan, with nine men involved. Officers and members welcome these new members into the fold, and are sure they will realize the importance of belonging to an aggressive organization.

We are sorry to report the illness and confinement to a hospital in Cleveland of Business Representative Earl Kelter. We had a cheery letter from him this week and hope he has a speedy recovery and will soon be back on the job, where we know he is anxious to be.

Business Representative William Hanson, of Drewrys Brewery Division, reports everything in tiptop shape in his craft, and we are confident the spirit shown will result in some more Brewery Workers from other firms coming into an organization that really delivers its promises.

Yours truly does just the opposite. Now that it's been around 90 degrees, I have been negotiating a new coal agreement which expires June 24th this year. Will have the final result for you by next month.

Business Representative Norman Murrin reports the signing of a new

Lake County Teamsters Back USO in Its Drive for Funds

EAST CHICAGO.—Lake County Teamsters are cooperating to make the United Service Organization's drive for funds a huge success, according to Steven Toth, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 520. Said Toth: "I have four brothers in the United States Army, and I know the fine work that the USO has been doing. I want that good

agreement with the City Ice Service. Regular men now receive \$40.00 per week. Extra drivers also got substantial increases. Inside men at Polar Ice and Fuel received 40 per cent pay raises also. Farmers make hay while the sun shines, but Murrin gets ice men while the ice melts!

I also report that Studebaker Aviation has a new building under construction, and Albert Tyree, of Local No. 716, please note, your Mr. Paul Lynch is here from your local with some transit mix trucks, and we have none here, so we welcome them, and our boys can sure use that \$1.20 per hour for operating them!

The latest reports of Business Agent Fleck indicate he is still going the rounds with that upstanding Road Contractor (Gast of Warsaw), and also Reith-Riley.

President Biggs had a fan brought in our office this week, so big that I am afraid we'll have to get safety belts for the two girls in the office

work to continue. My youngest brother, the baby of the family, has just left for the service, and like the thousands of other boys, he should have the benefit of the fine work of the USO."

The drive for funds, which will last until the 30th of this month, has received the backing of Hammond, Gary and East Chicago Teamsters.

or we'll find them out on Lincolnway West if the windows are opened.

Business Agents Gibson and Campbell were observed in a huddle the other day, and the conversation was something about Double Taper, Single Taper, Level, Dry Fly, Wet Fly, etc. Question: Is President Biggs going to be out of town June 16th or not?

Your correspondent has an anniversary date with his wife Sunday, and probably will make it regardless of the Business Agent's Widow crack that goes on and on. My high forehead reminds me of a poem, Irvin, which goes like this:

Lives of great men all remind us,
We should pick our wives with care,
So we may not leave behind us
Half our natural crop of hair.

President Biggs was in Chicago last week and part of this week in

Acme-Evans Case Is Won After 3 Years

Company Is Criticized for Charging Labor Board With Bias

INDIANAPOLIS.—A significant and resounding victory for organized labor was seen this month as the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in Chicago, upheld an NRLB ruling ordering the Acme-Evans Company of Indianapolis to reinstate employees fired because of union activities and to recognize Local Union No. 135 as bargaining agent for its truck drivers and helpers.

Appealed by NRLB

The case was appealed by the National Labor Relations Board when the Acme-Evans Company refused to abide by its decision in favor of the Teamsters' Union. The company, which had contended that the trial examiner was biased and prejudiced against it, was bitterly criticized by the Court.

The Opinion read: "In deliberating over respondent's attack on the integrity of the Labor Board and its appointee, the examiner, we cannot be unappreciative of the fact that we are a member of the system adopted by Congress to settle disputes between labor and capital.

"... the preferment of a false charge of bias and prejudice against an official burdened with the duty of hearing and deciding a labor dispute, is almost, if not quite, as reprehensible as the unfairness or bias charged."

Acme-Evans employees went on strike over three years ago when the management discriminated flagrantly against union members and refused to bargain collectively with Local Union 135 and an inside workers' AFL, Federal local. The company employed strike-breakers in its attempts to defeat the Teamsters' Union.

Has National Significance

The case, which has national significance and which has been followed very closely by such anti-labor organizations as the National Association of Manufacturers and the United States Chamber of Commerce, was ably handled by the Indianapolis law firm of Weiss and Weiss.

As a result of the decision, the striking Acme-Evans employees are entitled to back pay and their old jobs back if they want them.

"Democracy Functions"—Williams

Jubilant over the Court's findings, Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 135, said:

"We are very happy that at last after three years this important and bitter case has been settled. What is even more important than the fact that our side won is the fact that democracy has functioned beautifully and that even in these trying times, labor still has its rights before the Courts of America."

connection with his duties as Recording Secretary of the Hi-Way Area Committee, and reports the lake breeze nice and cool while there.

Well, I do not know of anything more to report at this time, so our final thought for the day to all Teamsters is to KEEP BUYING TO KEEP THEM FLYING, and the best of luck to you.

Teamsters Deliver Cook's, Pabst, Hoff-Brau in Indianapolis

New Contract Is Signed With Distributor

Universal Beverage Grants Men Substantial Pay Increases

INDIANAPOLIS.—The employees of the Universal Beverage Company this month received substantial wage increases as the result of the signing of a new agreement with Local Union No. 135.

Universal Beverage, which is 100 per cent operated by members of the Teamsters' Union, is sole Indianapolis distributor for Cook's Goldblume Beer, Pabst Blue Ribbon and Hoff-Brau.

Members Loyal

Negotiations were friendly throughout and all members are pleased with the new contract. It will be recalled that Universal Beverage employees have been members of the Teamsters' Union for a good many years, remaining loyal during precarious times when the outlaw Brewery Workers' International Union sought to raid the Teamsters.

Universal Beverage has been a fair employer down through the years, and its employees have been good union men. We urge all Teamsters and union people to buy the beers that this company distributes. You will not only help your fellow members but will do a good turn for a fair employer.

"These men have from time to time been intimidated and threatened by the Brewery Workers' Union but have nevertheless stuck with us. Let's stick with them, now," said George Acton, Local Union No. 135 business representative.

George Acton and Frank Friel conducted the negotiations.

THESE FIRMS BUY FROM UNFAIR MORGAN PACKING COMPANY

CHECK THIS LIST!

Chas. W. Bauermeister Company, Terre Haute
Beyer Grocery Co., Fort Wayne
Bluffton Grocery Co., Bluffton
A. Brown & Company, Evansville
C. E. Bursley & Company, Fort Wayne
L. C. Callahan & Co., Lafayette
M. O'Connor & Co., Indianapolis
Dee Wholesales Company, Hartford City
John R. Figg Wholesale Grocery Company, Bloomington
Furnas Distributing Co., Westport
Gary Wholesale Grocery Company, Gary
George Hitz & Co., Indianapolis
Joseph Goddard, Muncie
A. Grafe & Co., Terre Haute
John C. Groub Co., Seymour
Hale Distributing Co., South Bend
Hulman & Company, Terre Haute
Indiana Flour & Feed Co., Gary
Indiana Wholesale Food Supply Company, Gary
Inter City Wholesale Grocery Company, Peru
Jaggers Wholesale Grocery Company, Indianapolis
Chas. H. Johnston's Sons Company, Greensburg

S. Kahn & Sons Co., Evansville
C. D. Kenny Company, Richmond
Kothe-Wells & Bauer Company, Indianapolis
W. A. Leffel, Logansport
Linton Wholesale Grocery Company, Linton
A. L. Lutz, Hammond
W. M. Mattox Co., Terre Haute
J. P. Michael, Indianapolis
J. S. Mitchell, Windfall
McMahon & Leib Co., Marion
National Wholesale Grocery Company, Indianapolis
Peerless Service, Gary
A. H. Perfect & Co., Indianapolis
J. C. Perry Co., Indianapolis
Regal Stores, Indianapolis
Schnull & Company, Indianapolis
C. A. Schrader, Indianapolis
Simon Brothers, Inc., South Bend
E. E. Smoher, Muncie
Stogedill Fairway Market Company, Bedford, Bloomington and Muncie
Trembly & Williams, Greencastle
E. H. Walker Wholesale Grocery Company, Shelbyville
J. E. Walters, Indianapolis

Hammond Case Goes Up for Conciliation

Sixty-five Local Cartage Men to Be Affected by Settlement

HAMMOND—The dispute between the local cartage companies of Hammond and Local Union No. 362 has been referred to the office of Dr. John R. Steelman, U.S. Labor Department conciliator, for settlement, according to Harry Cole, Local 362 business representative.

Arbitration pay awards will be retroactive to June 1. Sixty-five employees of 11 local cartage companies will be affected by the settlement of the dispute.

The companies, which include Keeshin, Artim & Sons, and Welsh Brothers, have refused to grant their employees reasonable wage increases and vacations with pay.

"We have tried our utmost to be fair with these employers. But increased living costs make it imperative that the men get more money. Our demands are not unreasonable," said Cole.

Kokomo Beer Distributors 100% Fair—Except Miller

KOKOMO—After three months of negotiations, the Gunther Beverage Company of Kokomo has signed a closed-shop agreement with Local Union No. 759, according to O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of the local.

All Kokomo beer distributors are now signed up with Local 759 except the Miller Company. Miller is distributor for the following beers, all of which are on the Kokomo unfair list: BUDWEISER, KAMM'S, STROH'S, and MILLER'S HIGH LIFE.

The Miller Company has refused to go along with the union in granting its workers decent wages and working conditions.

PROFESSIONAL JUGGLERS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ CAUGHT IN THE "ACT"



Here's Proof of Morgan's Guilt!

"FILTHY AND DECOMPOSED"

That said article of food so contained in said cans as aforesaid, when delivered for shipment as aforesaid was then and there unlawfully adulterated in this, that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy and decomposed vegetable substance;

That said article of food, when shipped and deliveredhad been mixed and packed with the article so as to lower and reduce and injuriously affect its quality and strength; said article was further adulterated in that a product, to wit, field corn, had been substituted in whole and in part for sweet corn, which the article purported to be.

That said article of food, when shipped and delivered for shipment as aforesaid, was then and there misbranded within the meaning of said Act of Congress in that the statement, to wit, "Sweet Corn", borne on the label attached to the can containing the article regarding the article was false and misleading.

.... said article was further misbranded in that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it consisted wholly of sweet corn, whereas, in truth and in fact, said article did not so consist.

That on the eighth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, in said Court, upon a plea of guilty, the defendants were convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$500.00 and costs; all of which will more fully and at large appear by reference to record of Criminal Proceedings No. 1916 instituted at the November Term 1921 of said Court.

WAS "HORSE" CORN

PLEADS GUILTY!

United States of America
vs
Joseph S. Morgan and Ivan C. Morgan, co-partners, trading as Morgan Packing Company

No. 410 Criminal

Entry for April 20, 1942

That said food, when delivered for introduction in interstate commerce, as aforesaid, was then and there adulterated within the meaning of said Act of Congress, in that it consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed substance; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

E. Howard Caughran
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

and the information herein is returned as to the defendant Joseph S. Morgan.

Comes now Ivan C. Morgan and being arraigned upon the information herein for plea thereto said defendant Ivan C. Morgan says that he is guilty as charged therein. It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the defendant Ivan C. Morgan is guilty as charged in the information.

It is further considered and adjudged by the Court that the defendant Ivan C. Morgan for the offense charged in the information pay unto the United States the penal sum of \$400.00 fine, and stand committed until said fine is paid or discharged.

And Don't Forget Morgan's Safety Record! 8 Killed, 22 Injured in 11 Months!

FINED!

Scab-Operated Company Has Record of 18 Fraudulent Shipments Dating Back to Grand Jury Indictment in 1922

Note: This story by Lester M. Hunt appeared in June issue of The International Teamster

On April 12 the Morgan Packing Company of Austin, Indiana, admitted in Federal Court that it had been shipping rotten food to its customers!

That was more than the Teamsters' Union ever said about them.

As a result of pleading guilty to the Federal charges, the company was fined \$400.

This conviction of the Morgan Company was not the result of just one can of rotten food. Nor of just one shipment.

The charges covered eight shipments to customers in New York, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

And with its conviction on these eight counts the company has a criminal record of 18 fraudulent shipments running back to a Grand Jury indictment in 1922.

The Grand Jury indicted Morgan for sending out tomato puree and tomato pulp "adulterated with a filthy and decomposed vegetable substance."

And as recently as last April the company was convicted again of the same offense.

Two Damage Suits

In addition to these criminal charges the company was sued twice for the deaths of two persons who had either eaten its putrid products or gotten in the way of its rampaging, scab-driven trucks.

The trucks alone killed eight people and injured 22 in a period of only 11 months.

Both damage suits were later dismissed, one of them at the cost of the defendant, which means that Morgan paid.

Of course, any canning company is liable to have

its food spoil if it leaves it sitting around where the flies can get at it. Even with precaution, a company is liable to have a spoiled shipment on its hands.

But the Morgan Company had 18 shipments and it was caught so cold that it never uttered a word of explanation in its own defense. It just paid up and slunk out of court, hoping the public wouldn't hear about it.

And the public didn't. It was not considered news by the daily papers.

Outright Criminal Deception

However, the most flagrant case of deliberate and willful fraud was one filed in 1931 covering two shipments of "Country Gentleman Sweet Corn" to the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company of Chicago.

The corn wasn't spoiled. It just wasn't sweet corn. The government charged—and the company admitted it—that the sweet corn had been adulterated with cheap field corn.

Which shows that the Morgan Company treats its customers with the same ruthless contempt as it treats its employees, and the same contempt its drivers show for other motorists on the highways.

The cans of "sweet" corn bore the imposing assurance that the product was "guaranteed by the Morgan Packing Company."

They carried the further assurance that the "sweet" corn was "packed with great care and cleanliness after our improved process."

And the final laugh on the label was in the words: "This corn is especially noted for its tenderness and fine flavor."

It Was Hog Feed

Instead, it was the kind of corn used for hog feed. And the "improved process" turned out products

which a Grand Jury branded as "filthy and decomposed."

In this case Ivan C. Morgan and Joseph S. Morgan, operators of the company, were fined \$50 each, a penalty in which many observers feel the judge mixed "tenderness and fine flavor."

The last time the company ran afoul of the pure food and drug law, in April, the penalty was the same—\$50 on each count. Maybe the courts just got the habit of socking Morgan \$50 a count after many years of practice.

The eight counts in this case covered shipments of American Beauty Catsup, Scott County Tomato Puree, Kenmore Tomato Catsup packed for John Sexton & Co. of Chicago, Bel Pease Brand Tomato Paste, and Columbus Tomato Puree.

The customers receiving the products which Morgan admitted were "decomposed" were:

Becker-Prentiss, Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.

Randolph Wholesale Grocery Co., Chicago.

John Sexton Co., Chicago.

Binghamton Wholesale Grocery Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Jellico Grocery Co., Harlan, Ky.

Jellico-Hickey Co., Tennessee.

Mahoning Valley Flour Co., Youngstown, Ohio.

Jameson-Boyce Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

The individual customers of these companies will undoubtedly be interested to learn of the kind of products they are being served.

The Teamsters in those cities, and all others as well, should acquaint the public with the long criminal record of the Morgan Company in selling deliberately adulterated and rotten food.

Let it rot in Indiana.

Rubber Picture Gloomy, Rogers of ODT Asserts

Take Care of Trucks, Tires, Drivers Urged

Says, "Our Effort Is Not to Keep Trucks Off Highways, but on It"

Take care of the trucks and the tires or you are liable to go hungry before this war is over.

That was the statement of John L. Rogers, Interstate Commerce Commissioner and director of the division of Motor Transport of the Office of Defense Transportation, at the Western Conference of Teamsters in Portland, Oregon, last week.

Commissioner Rogers, invited to address the conference on the tire and truck situation by Dave Beck, conference president, and Daniel J. Tobin, general president of the IBT, was guest of honor at a special dinner.

"What a sad day it is going to be when people in some sections go hungry, with crops rotting in the ground because there is no transportation," Rogers said.

He pointed out that though there are 1,500,000 trucks in the hands of the farmers, they are rapidly going to pieces because they are not getting proper care.

"We are going to have to get right back to the grass roots with the farmers to teach them to take better care of their equipment and tires," he declared.

"In normal times we consume about 700,000 tons of crude rubber for the civilian supply each year, with the great bulk of this going into tires. Ninety-eight per cent of this comes from the Far East.

"Caught with less than one year's ordinary consumption, we must not only meet civilian but war needs and also help Britain, Russia and the Chinese to some extent.

"We have approximately seven million tires frozen. We have 21,000,000 cars on the highways. If we turned loose those tires they would last 60 days at our ordinary rate of consumption."

Gloomy Picture

Rogers painted a gloomy picture. He gave little hope for quick transition to rubber substitutes. He said that it is not possible to make tires from synthetic rubber, that it is necessary to mix a large percentage of crude with the synthetic, that captured German cars showed that as much as 35 per cent of crude had been used.

Tires are not the only worry of his office, he asserted. There are more trucks laid up at this time because it is impossible to get parts than for lack of tires. More and more trucks are being damaged. The supply of spare parts is dwindling so rapidly that it is almost gone now.

Rogers cautioned the large number of truck owners and operators, who had been invited by the teamsters to attend the dinner to hear the message directly from headquarters in Washington, to cut down the truck mileage.

"Our effort is not to keep trucks off the highway, but on it," he said.

He warned that many non-essential services will have to be abandoned before the rubber stock pile can be replenished, and he said that at the present rate of consumption there would be no stock pile by next June, despite the fact that every bit of synthetic rubber now manufactured is being used by the government.

In fact, there will be no rubber available for necessary civilian use when the frozen tires have been used up, he asserted.

In closing he urged the teamsters sacrifice.



WE'RE ON OUR WAY—Democracy's victory over Fascist tyranny, as Churchill has said, is now in sight. But all of us will have to make more sacrifices and redouble our efforts in the various conservation programs if victory is to be insured. Rubber is one of the crucial materials that might mean the difference between victory and defeat. Rubber workers were startled last week when a government official revealed that the rubber shortage has become so acute that in some instances tanks are being equipped with metal instead of steel treads, cutting speeds in some instances by 20 per cent. Trade union members throughout the country, however, have been in the forefront of every tire conservation campaign, and in many instances have instituted their own campaigns. Workers in every section of the country have set up plans to pool their transportation to and from work. Most popular plan is for one worker to carry five or six of his friends to work one day, and another member of the group to use his car the next day. As a consequence, members of these pooling plans find they use their car only once a week. Another phase of the campaign has been the drive by unions to have their members check their tires carefully each month to make sure they are neither overinflated nor underinflated and that they are rotated on the various wheels regularly. The above poster, measuring 40 by 29 inches and reproduced in three colors, is available to trade unions to be hung in meeting halls and union headquarters. They may be obtained by written request to the Labor Information Section, War Production Board, Washington, D. C.

New Agreement Signed with Kentucky Transport by 215

EVANSVILLE—Two hundred and fifty drivers and helpers of the Kentucky Transport Company received 20 per cent wage increases as the result of a new contract concluded this month with Local Union No. 215, according to Clyde Birdsong, president.

The company, which operates trucks between Indiana and Kentucky points, also granted vaca-

tions with pay and improvements in working conditions.

Pat Ansboury, secretary-treasurer of Louisville Local 89, worked with Mr. Birdsong in negotiating the agreement.

Birdsong also reported that negotiations have been opened with the Farm Bureau Oil Company of Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Your Flag and My Flag By WILBUR NESBIT

Your Flag and my Flag!

And how it flies today
In your land and my land
And half the world away!

Rose-red and blood-red,
The stripes forever gleam;
Snow-white and soul-white,

The good forefathers' dream;
Sky-blue and true-blue, with stars
To gleam aright,

The glorious guidon of the day;
A shelter through the night.

Your Flag and my Flag!

To every star and stripe
The drums beat as hearts beat
And fifers shrilly pipe!

Your Flag and my Flag—
A blessing in the sky;
Your hope and my hope—
It never hid a lie.

Home land and far land, and half
The world around,
Old Glory hears our glad salute
And ripples to the sound.

Closed Shop Is Agreed to By The Employer

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in America at this date. You cannot educate your children, or even feed them properly on 30 cents an hour, which was the average wage rate before the men organized.

"But these men were determined to better their conditions and have set out to do so by thoroughly democratic and American means—by joining the Teamsters' Union.

"We welcome them into the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and will do all in our power to help them take part in the democracy that America is fighting for."

L. G. Miles Assists

Davis is being assisted in the negotiations by a competent labor lawyer, L. G. Miles, of Indianapolis, and Robert McClimon of Local Union No. 135. Representing the company are Perry O'Neal, counsel; Marian Moore and Louis Witham, officials.

Organization of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company marks an important milestone in Local Union No. 135's drive to bring the workers of the dairy industry in Indianapolis and vicinity into the fold of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Action Taken At Executive Board Session

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complexion of the NRLB is changed, the Executive Board declared that the Teamsters' Union will advocate the repeal of the Wagner Act. It said that it is better not to have the NRLB at all than have a prejudiced one.

Successful Meeting

This meeting of the International Executive Board was one of the most successful and harmonious in the history of the International Union.

Pledge Full Cooperation in Rubber Drive

"Success of Campaign Is Of Vital Importance to Teamsters," Says Hess

INDIANAPOLIS.—Speaking before the regular monthly meeting of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, Pat Hess, president, urged all Hoosier Teamsters to cooperate fully with the government's scrap rubber collection drive.

"As Teamsters our very livelihood depends on the success of this campaign. A wartime rubber stockpile is needed and we should do all in our power to see that the drive is an unqualified success. There is a lot of idle scrap rubber around your town and it is your duty to see that it is turned in. It is vital to America's war effort and to the trucking industry that this drive goes over the top," said Hess.

He also urged the secretaries of the local unions present to donate drivers and trucks to the local rubber authorities to facilitate the campaign.

Governor Schricker in Indianapolis urged all Hoosiers to cooperate in getting the scrap rubber in.

No Bit Too Small

No bit of rubber is too small or too insignificant to turn in. Water bottles, hose, shoe heels, tubes, tires, stoppers and many other items are pouring in to the collection centers, according to salvage authorities. The drive promises to be an outstanding success in Indiana.

The Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for complete cooperation with salvage authorities in the members' respective localities.

Used egg cases are very important this year in getting eggs to market. Around 115,000,000 standard 30-dozen cases, an increase of 17 to 15 per cent over last year, are expected to be moved in the country this year, but only 30,000,000 new cases will be made.



"THE MOUTHPIECE OF MURDER"—Some of the foulest hate-inciting preachments ever loosed upon the civilized world have come from Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's minister of propaganda and editor of one of the most vicious anti-Semitic newspapers ever to desecrate the printed word. Hated in Germany only slightly less than Himmler, the brutal head of the Nazi Gestapo, Goebbels has used his warped mind in an unremitting attempt to persuade the Germans that Hitler is the embodiment of Christ on earth. But Goebbels did his work, too, in spreading disunity and hatred throughout the other European nations which succumbed to the Nazi terror. We have seen how this strategy created internal distress in every nation Hitler planned to attack. We have seen how he undermined civilian morale, separated governments from their allies, set group against group. Hitler hopes to destroy American unity, physically and mentally. Our job today is one of individual awareness, in order to avoid falling into Hitler's trap. Hitler propaganda wears a thousand false faces. It appears where least expected and under the most innocent auspices. This is part of the story told by "Divide and Conquer," the story of Nazi terror published recently by the government and available on written request to the Office of Facts and Figures, Washington, D. C.